



District 7 Transit Improvements and Quarter-Cent Funds

➤ What is “Quarter-Cent Funding?”

The city is currently implementing the so-called “Quarter-Cent Funds,” which Capital Metro, the Austin-area public transit service, provides to the city. Austin uses Quarter-Cent Funding for transit-related projects, including sidewalks, bike lanes, traffic calming, and pedestrian crossing lights (known as “pedestrian beacons”), among other projects.

➤ Why do we have Quarter-Cent Funding?

Years ago, Capital Metro set aside 25 percent of its one-cent sales tax for light rail. However, after area voters narrowly rejected a rail proposition in the 2000 election, Capital Metro entered into an interlocal agreement with the City of Austin to return those funds to the city for transit projects.

That interlocal agreement lasted between 2001 and 2004 and ultimately generated roughly \$139 million for the city. The city invested most of those funds in transit projects over the next decade. Last year, Council undertook a process to determine how to utilize the remaining nearly \$22 million.

➤ How did City Council decide to distribute these funds?

Council offices worked to identify needed improvement projects within their districts. In December 2015, Council passed a resolution directing each of the Council offices to submit a list of priority projects totaling roughly \$2 million per district to the Austin Transportation Department (ATD). ATD compiled that list and in January 2016, City Council approved the complete list of projects.

➤ What types of Quarter-Cent projects were funded in District 7?

Council Member Pool prioritized sidewalks, pedestrian beacons, traffic calming, and bicycle facilities projects, especially in the areas around schools. The table below shows the breakdown of how funding was allocated and how many projects of each type were funded in District 7.

Breakdown of District 7 Funding and Projects

Asset	Pct. of Funding	Pct. of Projects
Bicycle Facilities	22%	8%
Pedestrian Beacons	23%	19%
Sidewalks	44%	51%
Traffic Signals	8%	3%
Traffic Calming	3%	19%
TOTAL	~\$2 million	37 projects

➤ **How did Council Member Pool identify prioritized projects in District 7?**

First, ATD staff provided Council Member Pool with a map of all the different eligible funding projects across the city and the district. Eligible projects were those that the community or city staff had already identified as needs and that the city would be ready to implement if staff had the resources to do so.

For instance, these included projects from:

- The Sidewalk Master Plan;
- The Bicycle Master Plan;
- Requested Pedestrian Beacons; and
- The Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) Program, through which residents can apply for traffic calming devices on their streets.

Council Member Pool identified student safety and ensuring “Safe Routes to Schools” for District 7 children and parents as a key goal guiding project prioritization. District 7 staff also collected constituent feedback on needed projects through emails, meetings, and a constituent survey that garnered over 200 responses.

From there, District 7 staff then began identifying potential projects based on:

- Constituent Feedback;
- Project Cost; and
- Departmental Staff’s Evaluation of Project Priority.

District 7 staff also refined the initial list of priority projects in order to ensure that communities across the district saw at least some improvement projects, rather than focusing all of the projects in one or two areas.

Please see the next page for a complete list of District 7’s funded projects.

If you have any further questions regarding the Quarter-Cent Funding projects or any other city-related issues, please do not hesitate to contact District 7 staff at District7@AustinTexas.gov.

Complete List of District 7 Quarter-Cent Funding Projects

Asset	Project
Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon	N Lamar Blvd. @ Houston St.
Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon	Burnet Rd. @ Twin Oaks Dr.*
Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon	Allandale Rd. @ Shoalwood Ave.
Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon	Burnet Rd. @ Penny Ln.*
Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon	N Lamar Blvd @ John B Connally HS*
Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon	Burnet Rd. @ 47th St.
Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon	Anderson Ln. @ Hardy Dr.
Bicycle Facilities	Romeria (Arroyo Seco to Lamar) Quiet Street
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Bicycle Facilities	Justin (Ardath to Lamar) Cycletrack
Traffic Signal	Parmer Ln. @ Rampart St.
Sidewalks	5900 - 5913 LAIRD DR
Sidewalks	6100 - 6115 LAIRD DR
Sidewalks	6000 - 6015 LAIRD DR
Sidewalks	1400 - 1419 JUSTIN LN*
Sidewalks	1200 - 1320 BRENTWOOD ST
Sidewalks	8200 - 8207 DALEVIEW DR
Sidewalks	11300 - 11423 N LAMAR BLVD
Sidewalks	12241 - 12313 RUNNING BIRD LN
Sidewalks	12314 - 12411 RUNNING BIRD LN
Sidewalks	3800 - 3916 TATTERSHALL LN
Sidewalks	1400 - 1415 W 47TH ST
Sidewalks	1500 - 1515 W 47TH ST
Sidewalks	4708 - 4812 RAMSEY AVE
Sidewalks	4700 - 4707 RAMSEY AVE
Sidewalks	7000 - 7008 GROVER AVE
Sidewalks	1100 - 1117 W ST JOHNS AVE
Sidewalks	6900 - 6917 GROVER AVE
Sidewalks	4700 - 4816 SHOALWOOD AVE
Sidewalks	4600 - 4625 SHOALWOOD AVE
Traffic Calming	Shoalwood Avenue from Northland Drive to Allandale Road LATM
Traffic Calming	Brentwood Street from North Lamar Boulevard to Yates Avenue LATM
Traffic Calming	Justin Lane from Hardy Drive to Woodrow Avenue LATM
Traffic Calming	Kromer Street from Beckett St. to Fairfield Dr. LATM
Traffic Calming	Primrose Lane from Thrushwood Drive to Rockwood Lane LATM
Traffic Calming	Scribe Drive from Amherst to Canter Lane LATM
Traffic Calming	Fairfield Drive from Ohlen Road to Research Boulevard LATM

**The starred projects were able to secure funding through other sources.*